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1875, and we plan to continue the articles from time to time. The articles in this issue relate principally to the history of the Mormons at Nauvoo. They are written by the editor, Thomas Gregg, who was familiar with the events he relates, having been a citizen of that vicinity at the time the Mormons occupied Nauvoo. He was an actual eyewitness of many of the events he relates, and had a personal acquaintance with most of the leading characters of that locality during those times. Thus the history comes to us with the directness and freshness of those who were in a measure actual participants in its making. Other and subsequent articles that we shall publish from the *Dollar Monthly* relate to events and conditions in very early Iowa times. Mr. Gregg was a person of ability and experience as a newspaper man and a writer. At one time he published a paper at Montrose and he served for a time as justice of the peace for Lee County, Wisconsin Territory, by virtue of appointment by Governor Henry Dodge, when what is now Iowa was a part of Wisconsin Territory. We hope at an early date to give a biographical sketch of Mr. Gregg.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

JANUARY 23, 1920

*Fort Dodge Area.*—Board held joint meeting with local committee of Fort Dodge. Received proposition to acquire 13 acres east of Des Moines River, and the areas known as Boneyard Hollow and Woodman's Hollow on the west side, in all about 457 acres, for \$38,500, the committee agreeing to secure donations of lands for roads leading to these areas, and a donation of \$10,000 either in money or additional lands. Above proposition was recommended to Executive Council for acceptance.

FEBRUARY 6, 1920

*Rice Lake.*—Petitions were presented asking for the restoration and improvement of Rice Lake.

*Resolutions.*—Resolutions were adopted recommending to the Executive Council as follows: That certain lands adjacent to Backbone Park, Delaware County, containing a mill, dam, and pond, owned by R. H. Bowers, be acquired if a satisfactory price can be agreed upon; that some 175 acres adjacent to and within the Keosauqua Park, which were formerly held too high, but are now priced more reasonably, viz., some

at \$100 per acre and some at \$40 per acre, be acquired; that the attention of the Executive Council is hereby called to the John White land, a part of the Keosauqua Park purchase, as it may not contain the amount of land it is presumed to contain.

FEBRUARY 7, 1920

*Requests for Parks.*—People of Peterson ask for establishment of a park there, of which they send map and photographs; requests were received for the reservation of Goose Lake, which were referred to the State Highway Commission.

*Resolutions and Motions.*—Resolutions and motions were adopted covering the following matters: That the Executive Council be requested to appoint a committee to confer with this Board and the fish and game warden to make rules and regulations for the management of parks; that the Executive Council be requested to proceed to acquire by purchase or condemnation the necessary ground needed to complete the park at Oakland, Pottawattamie County, and to accept the title by gift of the remainder of the area; that the Executive Council be requested to publish the report of the engineer of the Fish and Game Department; that the gift of C. M. Mather of some fifteen acres of land on the Shell Rock River near Greene, and of land for a driveway thereto, be recommended to the Executive Council for acceptance, the park to be named Roosevelt Park; that the Executive Council be recommended to acquire some twenty-five acres near Waverly, the citizens offering to contribute \$2,500 to apply on the purchase, and to assist financially in other ways; that the committee of the Board and Executive Council be empowered to acquire some twenty acres adjoining Lepley Park near Union, Hardin County, which would connect it with the shores of the Iowa River.

*Reports.*—Reports were made to the Board by the chairman as follows: That Estherville people are trying to get options on a desirable tract near there to preserve it; that he and the secretary visited the suggested area near Keokuk, and that conditions there are in abeyance; that progress is being made on Eldora-Steamboat Rock area.

MARCH 5, 1920

*Motions.*—Motions were passed covering the following matters: That the secretary take up with the document editor the publication of an appendix to the forthcoming report, to include matters of recent date; that the secretary be directed to request by written communication to the auditor of state and treasurer of state that they furnish the Board with a transcript of the entries showing the charges entered against the funds provided in Sec. 3, Chap. 368, 1919, and Sec. 14f, Chap. 273, 1919; that the secretary take up the matter of securing maps of areas in process of acquisition; that the matter of cultivation of areas which are in a state of cultivation within the Keosauqua Park area, be referred to Harlan, he to report; that correspondence and matters relating to the proposed Theodore F. Clark Park in Tama County, be referred to Ford

and Pammel; that the Toolsboro Mounds area be referred to Harlan; that the Storm Lake correspondence be referred to Pammel; that the correspondence relating to Park Place Addition, Muscatine, be referred to the attorney-general for an opinion as to whether the state could acquire legal title in the way proposed.

*Reports.*—Harlan reported progress on Tama area and the Keokuk project.

*Resolutions.*—Resolutions were adopted concerning matters as follows: Recommending to the Executive Council that H. E. Rees be continued as custodian of the Keosauqua Park, that it be determined under whose directions custodians shall perform their duties and from what fund they shall be paid; requesting that Executive Council fix a date for the dedication of Backbone Park, Delaware County, and authorizing the Board to arrange for its dedication and for dedication of other areas as it finds expedient; requesting that Odessa Lake area, Louisa County, some 800 acres now owned by the state, be assigned to this Board as a park area, if power exists, and if there is no authority therefor, that proper steps be taken to hold the title and secure title through legislative enactment.

#### MARCH 19, 1920

*Resolutions.*—Resolutions were adopted covering matters as follows: Requesting Executive Council to accept, cost free, from Mrs. May Clark McCornack some twenty-five acres of land in Tama County, to commemorate the life of her father, Theodore F. Clark, and to be known as Theodore F. Clark Park; requesting Executive Council to purchase some two acres adjacent to the Farmington Park, the same to complete the area of some 100 acres given by the citizens of Farmington to the state, and that right of way from existing highway to park be secured by purchase or condemnation; that the Board and Executive Council accept the proposal of citizens of Beaman, Grundy County, to contribute \$5,000 toward the purchase of a certain sixty acres adjacent to the town of Beaman, and that the state add \$7,000 to the amount contributed by the citizens; that the Executive Council is requested to provide a suitable form of diploma, which may be autographed by members of the Board and the Executive Council, to be presented to those public-spirited private citizens who have contributed valuable services, property or land to the furtherance of the state park policy; that upon the citizens of Waverly presenting evidence of their having carried out their proposal, that the Executive Council be requested to appropriate \$3,500 to pay the balance for the area, and that if the land cannot be purchased for \$6,500 that condemnation proceedings be commenced; that the State Highway Commission be requested to furnish maps of the areas known as the Ledges, Boneyard Hollow and Woodman's Hollow, with markers on the grounds showing the boundaries; requesting Executive Council to purchase sand dune lands, not to exceed 300 acres, adjacent to Blue Lake, Monona County, and 25 acres of hardwood land, provided local interests share in the initial cost to a liberal extent; that in

view of its historical traditions, when the same be given a name it shall be one relating to the Lewis and Clarke expedition; that the Executive Council be requested to appropriate not to exceed \$200 to the use of the Board for planting parts of this area in trees; requesting the Executive Council to use whatever power it may have to turn over to the custody of the Board lands within the meander lines of Blue Lake and other lakes in the state, which lands are shown in the following list:

Lake and County ..	Acres of excess of meandered areas
Pickerel, Clay and Buena Vista.....	5
Tow Head, Calhoun.....	40
North Twin, Calhoun.....	87
South Twin, Calhoun.....	4
Silver, Delaware .....	13
Spirit, Dickinson .....	24
West Okoboji, Dickinson.....	151
Center, Dickinson .....	65
Diamond, Dickinson .....	55
Welch, Dickinson .....	18
Swan, Dickinson .....	73
Prairie, Dickinson .....	31
Pleasant, Dickinson .....	35
Jefferson Slough, Dickinson.....	20
Grass, Emmet .....	27
Birge, Emmet .....	28
Four Mile, Emmet.....	34
Mud, Emmet .....	59
High, Emmet .....	16
Twelve Mile, Emmet.....	79
Little Wall, Hamilton.....	43
Eagle, Hancock .....	69
Wood, Hancock .....	10
East Twin, Hancock.....	9
Round, Harrison .....	72
Odessa (lower end), Louisa (reported by Young).....	800
Blue, Monona .....	681
Rush, Osceola .....	42
Lost Island, Palo Alto.....	184
Clear, Pocahontas .....	22
Lizzard, Pocahontas .....	17
Wall, Sac .....	34
Silver, Worth .....	8
Cornelia, Wright .....	23
Elm, Wright .....	34
Twin Sisters', Wright.....	8

*Motions.*—Motions passed covering the following: That the Board

place an exhibit of pictures in the conservation department headquarters at the meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; that Dr. Shimck, of the State University, be allowed to select certain areas in present or future state parks for the pursuit of botanical research.

APRIL 3, 1920

*Eldora-Steamboat Rock Area.*—Several citizens of Eldora presented a plan for a state park near there on the Iowa River, presenting a map, stating certain of the lands were being donated to the state, and representing that the citizens were ready to pay a substantial part of the purchase price of the remainder, whereupon the Board adopted a resolution approving the plan and recommending to the Executive Council that as soon as assurances are brought that said citizens have complied with their part, that the area be acquired; but as to the building of a dam and making of a lake that the Board requests definite information submitted by competent engineers.

*Custodians.*—Resolutions were passed requesting the Executive Council to fix the compensation of H. E. Rees as custodian of Keosauqua Park at \$125 per month in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 368, Acts of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and that as to custodians at other parks that the Council make payment as certified by this Board, payment to be made out of the fund provided in the chapter above named, and that the authority of all temporary custodians be under this Board.

*Areas Referred.*—Communications referring to 3,300 acres south of Clear Lake, referred to Pammel and Albert; communication from Commercial Club of Storm Lake, referred to Pammel and Albert, with power to act.

*Resolutions.*—Resolutions were adopted relating to the following: Recommending Executive Council to accept the gift of some nine acres near Union, Hardin County, and to co-operate with the Community Club of Union in marking and improving it, and to proceed in condemning some seventeen acres connecting the tract with the Iowa River; that Frank N. Jacks be appointed temporary custodian of the Farmington area; that the matter of Park Place Addition to Muscatine together with the attorney-general's report on the title, be referred to Pammel; that the Board recommend to the Executive Council the acquisition by condemnation of some twenty-five acres adjacent to Roosevelt Park, Floyd County; that as Prof. McDonald of the Forestry Department of Iowa State College, agrees to furnish trees free of cost, to plant on the sand dunes adjoining Blue Lake, Monona County, as an experiment in tree planting, the Board recommends to the Executive Council that \$200 be set aside to defray the expenses of planting [additional action to that of March 19]; that as there is a series of resolutions requiring immediate action by the Executive Council, the secretary is directed to represent the Board at the next meeting of the Council and call its attention to each of these resolutions in an effort to conclude all the business up to the present date.

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